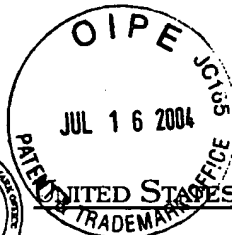


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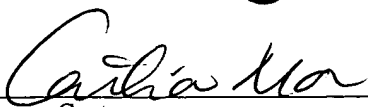
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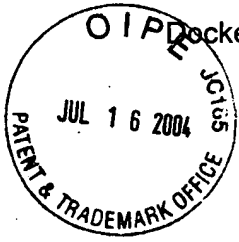


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**A. MISSING PARTS**

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filing Date Granted, mailed June 4, 2004, a copy of which is attached, enclosed please find the following:

1. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (**REQUIRED**);
2. One (1) check for \$65.00 for the surcharge for small entity;
3. An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.

**B. TRANSMITTAL OF OTHER PAPERS**

Please find the following for filing in the application:

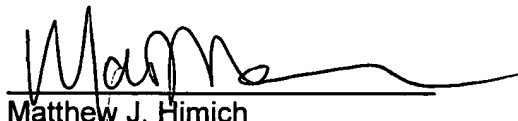
1. Original Power of Attorney form.
2. Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant with enclosed references.

It is believed that the fee enclosed is correct, but the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 20-0823. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for that purpose.

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